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Former LAPD Jailer, Couple Plead In Bail Solicitation Scheme

A former Los Angeles police detention officer who worked in the Valley Jail Division and a couple who owned a Sherman Oaks bail bond company pleaded guilty today to a bail solicitation scheme, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Leonard Jimmy Ramirez, 44, William Aroutounian, 35, and his wife, Iryna McCormick, 33, each pleaded guilty to one felony count of providing information for purposes of bail solicitation. They were immediately sentenced to three years of formal probation and ordered to complete 400 hours of community service by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge David Horwitz.

Deputy District Attorney Rosa Alarcon with the Justice System Integrity Division handled case BA446086.

Alarcon said Ramirez, a civilian employee who worked in the Van Nuys jail, provided contact information of arrestees to McCormick and Aroutounian, who owned BBB Bail Bonds Company, in exchange for kickbacks.

The Los Angeles Police Department's Professional Standards Bureau launched an investigation after receiving a tip that Ramirez was illegally providing contact information to the couple, who in turn, would contact family members of arrestees.

Ramirez no longer works at the Van Nuys jail. McCormick and Aroutounian surrendered their license as bail agents, Alarcon said.

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